

Nursing Workforce Development Programs – Joint Letter Request (\$215,000,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. These workforce programs provide support for nursing education and recruitment. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because over 140,000 nursing positions remain vacant in acute care settings, home healthcare, nursing homes, health departments, community health centers, schools, and workplaces.